

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD AUGUST 8, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Fitch – Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Police Captain Jesse Petersen – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Network Specialist Christian Armatas – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt – Water Utilities Manager Joshua Wedding

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Judd Rook from the Redmond Baha'i Community led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor John Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fitch noted for the record that Council's role during Comments from Citizens is to listen which does not condone agreement or disagreement with the comments being given.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Donna Abelein addressed the Council regarding Pride parades and hate speech.

Redmond resident Ron Brown concurred with Ms. Abelein, expressed his sorrow for the June 5, 2023, hate incident directed towards Mayor Fitch and Councilor Evelyn, and requested the region get involved in a coalition against human trafficking.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of May 16, 2023, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of June 6, 2023, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of June 13, 2023, Council Meeting**
- D. Minutes of June 27, 2023, Council Meeting**
- E. Minutes of July 11, 2023, Council Meeting**

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to approve the Consent Agenda, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

- A. Oasis Village Utility Crossings: Bid Award to K & E Excavating, Inc. and Budget Adjustment Resolution #2023-17: \$310,495 (Project #ND2303)**

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt requested approval of a bid award to K & E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$310,495 for the Oasis Village Utility Crossings Project. The City received one bid in response to a formal solicitation process. After review, K & E was deemed a responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$350,000. In addition, Ms. Crowsigt requested approval of Resolution #2023-17

which adjusts the budget to account for the Multi-Agency Coordination Group grant funds that will be used for this cover the costs of this project.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award a contract with K & E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$310,495 for the Oasis Village Utility Crossing project and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, and adopt Resolution #2023-17 adjusting the budget, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky recognized Captain Petersen's leadership and his team of volunteers for the National Night Out (NNO) event held recently in Centennial Park. Mr. Witcosky updated the Council on upcoming meeting dates.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts provided the Council with information on Deschutes County's process for their Transportation System Plan update.

Mr. Witcosky announced the Deschutes County's Hearing's Officer found the City met its burden of proof on the Redmond Wetlands Complex (RWC), now a 12-day comment period will begin. Mr. Witcosky noted there are a series of conditions associated with the approval that will be met by the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin commented on the amount of work that has been taking place, the upcoming establishment of a tourism committee to assist with allocation of Transient Lodging Tax revenue, and the improvements to the Juniper Golf Course's operations to make it a world-class course.

Councilor Osborne thanked those who have worked on the RWC project. She stated she previously served as a volunteer for Central Oregon OATH (Oregonian's Against the Trafficking of Humans). While unsure if they are still active, she noted at that time, they were looking for additional volunteers in high schools.

Councilor Wedding commented on NNO adding that attendance was amazing. She reported on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee activities.

Councilor Zwicker reported on next steps for the Oasis Village project, NeighborImpact's recent listening session, and NNO.

Councilor Nielsen also commented on NNO, the Council's actions during its first six months, and the Deschutes County Fair.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch shared that a comment card was received after the closure of Additional Comments from Citizens so he would yield his time to Contessa Mendoza. Ms. Mendoza declined to speak and yielded the time back to Mayor Fitch. Mayor Fitch had no comments.

There being no further business for open session and no motions expected as a result of Executive Session, Mayor Fitch adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.in accordance ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive session “to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions” and ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizing executive sessions “to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.”

Mayor Fitch adjourned Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 22nd day of August 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder